

18 OUTLAWS SLAIN

PHOME GUARDS TAKE SUMMARY ACTION AGAINST MUTILATING VILLAGE.

LEADER OF BAND EXECUTED

Battle With Bandits Takes Place Southwest of Chihuahua City—U. S. Troops Rushed to Ajo, Ariz., to Guard Against Possible Raid.

Jan. 22.—Battalion Uribe, a follower of Villa, who is said to have instituted the practice of cutting off the ears of Carranza prisoners, and 17 of his band were executed by "home guards" and "many Villa troops" killed in a battle southwest of Chihuahua City, a member of the "home guards" reported on Wednesday.

Ranchers, storekeepers and cattle-men of Teolacochi, he said, organized to prevent raiding of their properties. After five of Villa's men were killed in an attempted raid on Teolacochi, he said, Villa sent a punitive expedition. The "home guards" were called to arms and the command of Julio Acosta was defeated.

Following the battle, he said, a Carranza command moved in and captured Uribe and 17 others, who, he said, were executed.

Ajo, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Two companies of the Fourteenth Infantry arrived here on Wednesday from Yuma under command of Colonel Jones to guard against a possible raid on the big copper camp by Mexican bandits. Unrest has been felt by the families of the 600 miners following the reports of a contemplated raid by Villa men.

ROMANIAN ARMY IS IN PERIL

Teutons Pursue Foes in Dobruja Swamp—Von Mackensen's Troops Capture 1,150 of Foe.

Berlin, Dec. 19 (via Sayville).—Driving eastward in Romania, the armies of Field Marshal von Mackensen have crossed the Buzovna river and taken enormous quantities of material.

In the Dobruja, the Russo-Romanian retreat has progressed as far as the swamps and forests at the Danube mouth.

Reporting the fighting on this front, the war office statement issued here on Sunday night says: "Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: The Buzovna sector has been crossed on a broad front. In addition to 1,150 prisoners, 10 locomotives about 400 road cars, mostly laden, and innumerable vehicles fell into our hands."

"In the Dobruja, the rapid pursuit of the enemy, who only offered local resistance, brought our allied troops close to the forest and marsh in the northern part of the country."

TEUTONS HOPEFUL OF PEACE

Kaiser Willing to Agree to Reparation—Von Bernstorff Sees Another Exchange of Notes.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Lloyd-George's speech leaves the door open for peace. This is the view of the White House and of the state department.

It is also the view of the German embassy, where the statement was made that Germany would not be the first to close the door.

With the presentation of the allies' answer to the German proposals, it is believed in official circles actual peace proposals will be under way. "It looks to me as if the matter were not settled and as if there will be at least one more interchange of notes," commented Ambassador von Bernstorff of Germany.

Germany, it was declared, is ready to discuss all the questions brought up by Lloyd-George. This includes the question of reparation, without which, the premier is quoted as saying, "peace is impossible."

TURKEY FREES AMERICANS

Two Hundred Detained in Syria and Palestine Permitted to Leave by Authorities.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The 200 Americans detained in Syria and Palestine by the Turkish military authorities have been granted permission to leave in Beirut on condition that they return to Beirut for a month to make whatever arrangements they may have.

The United States has repeatedly made diplomatic efforts to free the Americans, some of whom are missionaries and others naturalized citizens, and until now such efforts have been thwarted by the Turkish military commander. The cruiser Des Moines, now at Alexandria, will go to Beirut to take on the refugees.

Gin 10,445,989 Bales of Cotton.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Cotton ginned prior to December 15 amounted to 10,445,989 running bales, including 133,163 round bales and 113,445 bales of Sea Island, the census bureau announced.

One Man Killed in Wreck.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 22.—One man was killed and 12 injured on Tuesday afternoon when a broken rail truck threw the Seminoles Limited of the Illinois Central railroad into a ditch at Gold Ridge, Ala.

Austrian Emperor at Trieste.

London, Dec. 31.—Emperor Charles of Austria, accompanied by General Borovich, commander of the Adriatic forces on the Isonzo, visited the troops on the line of that river and later went to Trieste.

Ruth Law Gets \$2,500 for Flight.

New York, Dec. 21.—For setting a new record in her flight from Chicago to New York, Miss Ruth Law received a gift of \$2,500 at a dinner given in her honor here by the Civic Forum and the Aero Club of America.

C. E. Otis Marries Actress.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 19.—Charles E. Otis, New York lawyer and the son of the founder of the Otis Elevator company, and Miss Emily Abert, an actress, known on the stage as "Baby" Robbins, were married here.

Australia Curbs Coal Exports.

Honolulu, Dec. 19.—Advices received here by cable on Saturday from Australia state that the government, in control of outgoing cargoes, has prohibited further coal shipment to the Hawaiian islands.

AND BAIT'S GETTING SCARCE



MILITIAMEN GO HOME RICH COUPLE SLAIN

16,000 STATE TROOPS ORDERED FROM THE BORDER. JOHN P. BECKER AND WIFE KILLED ON ILLINOIS FARM.

Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Indiana Guardsmen Are Among Those Released.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—General Funston on Monday designated 16,000 troops now in service on the Mexican border to be returned to the states from which they were sent in July. The Seventh regiment of infantry of Illinois was among the troops ordered home.

The action of General Funston was the result of a general order issued in the war department recently.

The remainder of the troops making up the 16,000 are composed of regiments from Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, Missouri, Maryland, Nebraska, Iowa, New York, Wisconsin, Virginia and Minnesota. It is said that all the designated units will have started home by January 7 at the latest.

Washington, Dec. 20.—It was officially stated at the war department that the order for the return of 16,000 National Guardsmen for muster out of the federal service was not to be construed as foreshadowing a movement out of Mexico by General Pershing's column. Officials also explained that a force of 75,000 Guardsmen would be maintained on the border.

TEUTON PRISONERS IN U. S.

Twenty-Five Arrive in San Francisco From Orient After Suffering "Veritable Hell on Earth."

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—When the American steamship Chino, 27 days out of Hongkong, dropped anchor off Meigs' wharf before daylight, it had on board 25 Germans and Austrians who had been through what they describe as a "veritable hell on earth."

They are the Teutonic merchants of the Orient who were taken from the China last March and held in cells and in prison camps under British officers as prisoners of war until their release was brought about by the American government.

The leader of the party, W. F. Schuettler, president of Carlitz & Co., the great German trading firm of the Orient, told the story of their horrors as he leaned over the rail of the ship.

Two members of the party are insane as a result of hardships.

The following message to the American people was given by Schuettler: "We are deeply grateful to the American people for our release from this hell on earth."

3 DIE IN WISCONSIN MINES

Workers Killed by Cave-In Near Plattville—Bodies Are Recovered an Hour After Accident.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 21.—Three miners, Clarence Hicks, James Hamilton and Arthur Trevel were killed in a cave-in in the Block-house Zinc and Lead mines four miles south of Plattville, Wis. The bodies were recovered in the course of an hour after the accident. Hicks and Hamilton are married and have several small children each. Trevel was married about two months ago.

Slain in Bride-Elect's Home.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 21.—Samuel G. Davis of Tulsa, Okla., wealthy dealer in Indian lands, was shot and killed in the home of Mrs. Daisy Carter, a divorcee to whom he was to have been married. The assailant escaped.

Spanish Steamer Sunk.

London, Dec. 21.—Lloyd's shipping agency announces that the Spanish steamer Ason of 2,083 tons gross, built at Cadix in 1901, was last reported as arriving at Bordeaux on November 25 from Ayr, Scotland.

17 U. S. Muleteers Killed.

London, Dec. 31.—Seventeen American muleteers have been killed and eleven of the crew of the British horse transport ship Russian, which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on December 14.

Wilson Celebrates Anniversary.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The president and Mrs. Wilson on Monday celebrated their first wedding anniversary with a motor ride, a family dinner party and a visit to the moving pictures. It was their first visit to "the movies."

McLean Awarded Income on Estate.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Edward Beale McLean will have the entire income from the estate left by his father and is recognized as the sole head of two newspapers by an agreement reached out of court.

Ship Eludes Eight Submarines.

New York, Dec. 19.—Eight enemy submarines, all of which were successfully eluded through warnings received from patrol boats of the entente powers, imperiled the voyage of the Italian steamship Giuseppe Verdi.

REFUSE PEACE OFFER

LLOYD-GEORGE SAYS WAR MUST GO ON UNTIL KAISER IS CRUSHED.

FULL REPARATION DEMANDED

British Premier Declares Entente Allies Do Not Propose to Put Their Heads Into a Noose, With Rope's End in Germany's Hands.

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Lloyd-George said in the house of commons on Tuesday that it was felt that the allies should know before entering on negotiations that Germany was prepared to accede to the only terms possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe.

The premier said that without reparation peace would be impossible. He declared there were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose with the rope's end in the hands of Germany.

Lloyd-George quoted the words of Abraham Lincoln: "The war will end when the object has been obtained; under God it never ends until we have attained our object."

Much as they longed for it, the premier added, the central powers' note and the speech preceding it, afforded small encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace.

The premier said that the allies proposed to appoint a director of national service and that all industries and services would be scheduled as essential or non-essential to the war.

MANY POSTMASTERS NAMED

Small Offices in Middle West Filled by Wilson, but Big Places Are Untouched.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Wilson sent to the senate on Monday a long list of nominations for postmasters in many states. Most of these appointments have been selected since the November elections.

These postmasters were selected at mid-west post offices:

Illinois—Traverse R. Wright, Seaton; William F. Peterson, Brownstown; Charles P. Regan, Capron; Polina S. Callaway, Tallula; Theodore J. Schaefer, Beardstown; J. D. Downer, Downers Grove; Philip Maher, Elmwood; Hugh Hall, Littlefield; Alta A. Rose, Atwood; James H. Spiker, Bushnell; P. H. Langan, Odell; Anthony R. Gorman, Raymond; Andrew J. Gillogly, Sidell.

Indiana—Jennette R. Winkelmann, Austin; Silas R. Clancy, Bryant; Harvey R. Mills, Camden; Everett M. Stroud, Carmel; George W. Stout, Hamilton; Claude L. Carpenter, Pleasant Lake; Lawson Lamaster, Sellersburg; John D. Holland, Waveland; Lota Fern Dolan, John A. Jennings, Rome City; Mary L. Sage, Millgrove; Frederick J. Werner, Orland; Jason W. Cline, Ellettsburg.

Iowa—Harold I. Kelley, Early; Edward F. McGorrick, Arnold's Park; Eugene Reardon, Auburn; Henry W. Pittsford, Boyden; Emma O. Weltemeyer, Harris; Estey C. Bages, Hornick; Harry E. Newell, Bismarck; Edna A. Wurzburg, Northport; L. Ross Adamson, Rudyard.

Wisconsin—Victor E. Layer, Adams; William A. de Smidt, Cedar Grove; Theresa Heinen, Ransom Lake; Mark W. Murphy, Bear Creek; J. E. Dennis, Downing.

POISON KILLS 3 CONVICTS

Prisoners at Joliet Penitentiary Extracted Wood Alcohol From Products Used in Shops.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 19.—Warden Michael Zimmer of the Joliet penitentiary, where six convicts who survived the wood-alcohol debacle on Saturday, which killed four men, would recover. It was thought three probably would die.

Prison "moonshining," by which convicts extract alcohol from prison life, has been going on for years and products used in the shops behind the walls, enabled the men to obtain the alcohol from a shellac mixture.

They believed the poison to be grain alcohol and drank it in an effort to forget the horrors of prison life. The false joys of inebriety. The dead: Alexander Archer, Iroquois county, fifth term for robbery; Martin Harris, Cook county, serving two years for a serious offense; Edward Williams, Cook county, serving life term for robbery; Frank Dawson, Grundy county, one to fourteen years for robbery.

New Rifle for Japanese.

Tokyo, Dec. 22.—It was learned that a new rifle has been invented for the Japanese army. It is said to be the best in existence. It has a broader caliber than any other rifle, and a great range, exceeding 2,000 meters.

U. S. in the Next Big Conflict.

St. River, Mass., Dec. 22.—Premier President William H. Taft, speaking here, predicted if the machinery of war continues to grow, the next conflict will find the American government a participant.

President to Nominate Stone.

Washington, Dec. 21.—It was reported at the capital that President Wilson finally had decided to nominate Kimbrough Stone, son of Senator Stone of Missouri, to be United States judge for the Eighth judicial circuit.

Former Princess Is Dead.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—Princess Caranum-Climay, formerly Miss Clara Ward of Detroit, died at her villa in Italy, according to a cable from the Detroit Free Press. Clara Ward was born in Detroit in 1873.

Mother and Child Burn.

Wayne, Mich., Dec. 20.—The bodies of a mother and child were found in the Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20. A score of street car passengers were slightly injured and many others were scratched and bruised when a trolley was snapped and fell with a blinding flash on a loaded street car here.

Twenty Injured on Trolley.

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FREE POULTRY FROM VERMIN

Chicks Will Not Grow and Develop Properly If Suffering From Attacks of Insects.

No chick can grow and develop properly and no hen can lay well if suffering from any kind of lice and the most profitable thing the poultry raiser can do is to keep his stock free from vermin by frequently using good lice killers on the fowls and chicks and on the coops and henhouses.

TREAT IN STORE FOR THE FARMER

EXPERTS SECURED TO ADDRESS SESSIONS DURING "FARMERS' WEEK" AT COLUMBUS.

BIG DEPARTMENTAL FEATURES

All Phases of Agriculture To Be Thoroughly Discussed January 29 to February 2.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Columbus, O.—A hundred agricultural specialists are to speak at the fifth annual Farmers' Week to be held at the Ohio State University here from January 29 to February 2. Included in the list are Herbert Quick, member of the Federal Farm Loan Board and former editor of the Farm and Fireside; Isabel Bevier, head of the Department of Household Science, University of Illinois; Moses Breeze and Ralph A. Felton, Board of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church; W. H. Card, poultryman, Manchester, Conn.; H. W. Collingwood, president and editor of the Rural New Yorker; Hon. Henry M. Dunlap, orchardist and president of the National Apple Growers' Association; E. C. Eikenberry, president of the Grain Dealers' National Association; S. W. Fletcher, professor of horticulture, Pennsylvania State College; William K. Garrison, secretary of the National Dairy Council; J. G. Lipman, head of the New Jersey College of Agriculture and Experiment Station; Virginia Meredith, president of the Indiana Home Economics Association; Rose Morgan, soloist, New York City; H. J. Scoville, farmer, Sidell, Ill.; H. C. Thompson, specialist in vegetables, United States Department of Agriculture; W. H. Tomhave, professor of animal husbandry, Pennsylvania State College; W. G. Thomsen, W. O. Thompson, Dean Alfred V. Ryan, of the College of Agriculture, and Director Clark S. Wheeler, of the Agricultural College Extension Service, also will be on the program.

A large number of the members of the faculty of the Ohio State University, including President W. O. Thompson, Dean Alfred V. Ryan, of the College of Agriculture, and Director Clark S. Wheeler, of the Agricultural College Extension Service, also will be on the program. A list of dates of the different meetings to be held during Farmers' Week: Ohio State Corn Show, January 29 to February 2; Ohio State Dairywomen's Association, January 30 to February 2; Ohio State Horticultural Society, January 30 and 31; Ohio State Vegetable Growers' Association, February 1; egg show, January 30 to February 2; Ohio Rural Life Association, January 30 to February 1; Ohio Percheron Breeders' Association, January 31; Aryshire Breeders' Association, January 31; Ohio Guernsey Breeders' Association, January 31; Ohio Jersey Club and Holstein-Friesian Breeders' Association, February 1; Ohio Hereford Breeders' Association, January 31; state stock judging contest, January 29 to February 2; farm students' reunion dinner, January 31, at noon; State Farmers' Institute workers' meeting, January 30.

INCREASES SALES OF MACHINES.

Toledo, O.—The delegation of 957 dealers, bankers and newspaper men from Northern Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, in attendance at the big Overland Dealers' convention here, closed contracts for 14,000 cars for 1917, bringing the total for the week to 70,000 cars to date. During the two weeks \$125,000,000 worth of business has been transacted with the meeting having still one more week to run.

STATE EXPERT TAKES HAND.

Cincinnati, O.—The state of Ohio is investigating the gas shortage here. C. L. McKibben, gas expert for the public utilities commission, arrived in this city, and held a conference behind closed doors with Mayor Puchta and at its conclusion went to the company office and there conferred with W. W. Freeman, president of the gas company.

BUCKEYE NEWS NOTES

Cincinnati, O.—Michael Travanti, of Toledo, who had registered as Michael Travis, in under arrest for the alleged theft of fur coats valued at \$1,000. It is said he made several "trips" to a Fourth street store before being caught.

PHYSICIANS ARE BLAMED

For Production of Drug Addicts in Ohio By Dr. McQuestion.

Mansfield, O.—"Every drug fiend in Ohio has been made such by the family physician," said Dr. N. J. McQuestion, Democratic representative-elect from Richland county, at a mass meeting of farmers here, Ohio, last evening. He said that a modern remedy to provide a sanitarium for the treatment of drug victims as long as these physicians are permitted to continue to make more drug fiends. This meeting was more successful than the one called for a week ago, and was held for the purpose of bringing about a repeal of the law provided for the present school code, which Dr. McQuestion contends was brought into being by the "medical trust."

The meeting was really held by the Richland county branch of the National League for Political Action, which has its headquarters here. An effort will be made to secure a referendum on the rural school law.

MODERN DAYTON FREIGHT HOUSE

Dayton, O.—At a conference of shipper, traffic men, manufacturers, merchants and representatives of the Greater Dayton association and officials of the Big Four Railroad Company announcement was made that the company had \$108,000 available for the construction of a modern freight house on Monmouth avenue, providing the city grants sidewalk easement, making this space of use to the railway line.

PRIVATE BANKERS CO-OPERATE.

Columbus, O.—A committee was named here by the Ohio Private Bankers' Association, in annual convention, to co-operate with a committee of the Ohio Bankers' Association to have the state banking department taken out of politics. This is generally construed as meaning that a request will be made for the appointment of a banker to the position of state superintendent. It was also planned to register membership agencies through legislation.

DAMAGE VERDICT IS REDUCED.

Columbus, O.—Reducing the amount from \$8,350 to \$5,000, Federal Judge John E. Sater just handed down a decision in which he held that a publication may be liable for exemplary damages, and gave a judgment to Thomas L. Sloan, of Nebraska, for \$5,000 against the American Issue Publishing Co. Sloan claimed he was libeled in connection with articles about his candidacy for commissioner of Indian Affairs. The jury gave a verdict for \$8,350.

Feed Pure Meat Scraps.

Never feed meat scraps that were made of rotten meat. Good, pure food is the only thing that ever ought to be fed to a fowl of any kind.

Scrubs Don't Pay.

Realize that there is always a ready market for first-class stock and that scrubs don't pay.

Product of Laying Hen.

A good laying hen will frequently lay her weight in eggs in six weeks.

SICK WILL NOW MEET UP WITH OLD MAN H. C. L.

Ashtabula, O.—Local physicians and surgeons will increase their charges. Increased cost of all medical and surgical supplies, including drugs, is given as the reason for the advance in schedule.

AERO STATIONS IN OHIO

Plans for Aeroplane Mail Service Are Mapped Out.

Columbus, O.—Regular aeroplane mail service between New York and Chicago is being considered by the Postoffice Department. Announcement was made in Washington that the plan is regarded as practicable and might be established with part of the proposed \$100,000 postal appropriation for experimental aerial service. Department officials estimate the flight of 720 miles could be made in from 6 to 14 hours, with an average time of 8 hours, and a load of from 500 to 1,000 pounds of mail. Flying would be at night, a plane leaving each city at 6 p. m., alighting at three regular stations in the vicinities of Williamsport, Pa.; Niles and Napoleon, O., where extra machines, fuel and equipment would be maintained. A Niles second machine would be taken on relay. Eventually emergency alighting stations might be established every 22 miles, each equipped with powerful guiding lights. Postal authorities suggest that letters dispatched before 6 o'clock at either New York or Chicago would be delivered normally before 9 o'clock the following morning.

CARE OF UNFORTUNATES.

There is no little difference of opinion among those who have been considering the question as to the best way the state should adopt in providing for the treatment and cure of crippled and deformed children. Various suggestions and recommendations are being made to the state commission which is working on the project looking to the establishment of an institution for the special benefit of these unfortunate children, all given in a spirit of co-operation.

Prominent orthopedic surgeons are among those who are expressing their views on the proposal. The suggestion that the state reform school at Marysville be converted into a hospital for crippled and deformed children does not seem to be meeting with general approval. Secretary H. H. Shirer of the board of state charities, for one, thinks it would be unwise to abandon the school for the purpose for which it has just opened before there has been an opportunity to show just what can be accomplished through it.

Railroads Are Blamed.

Ohio shipper and consignees represented by the Traffic Managers of chambers of commerce at Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland opposing before the State Utilities Commission the proposition of Ohio railroads to increase demurrage charges as a means of relieving the car shortage in Ohio. Representatives of the shippers told the Utilities Commission that the railroads themselves were in large measure to blame for the car shortage because of the slow movement of cars.

Settles Tax Question.

The State Tax Commission was advised in a ruling by the Attorney-General to accept in settlement one-third of a year's excise tax of the Marietta, Columbus and Cleveland Railroad Co. The operation of the road has been wholly discontinued since October 31, 1916. The property was sold at receiver's sale on July 18, 1916.

Fifty Patients Sent to Lima.

The State Board of Administration during the past week approved the transfer of about 50 patients from insane hospitals of the state to the new hospital for the criminal insane at Lima, a score of whom are from the Cleveland hospital, 12 from the Dayton hospital, six from Columbus and a few from Athens. This increases the population of the Lima institution to almost 1,300. Arrangements are being made by Dr. Clarke, superintendent at Lima, for another 100 or more patients.

Candy for Wards.

Five tons of hard mixed candy, which cost an average of \$200 a ton, was purchased this year by the board of administration for distribution among the various state institutions Christmas. More than a ton of this candy was purchased for the hospital for feeble-minded, a large shipment for the boys' industrial school near Lancaster, about 800 pounds for the girls' industrial school near Delaware, and the balance distributed among the institutions where older inmates are confined.

Precious Stones of India.

For variety of precious stones, no country in the world can rival India. Though she exports annually over \$1,500,000 worth of jewels, she still remains today, as centuries ago, a storehouse for the nations. Diamonds, rubies, sapphires, tourmaline, garnet and many kinds of rare chalcidony are mined throughout her many provinces. The diamond industry is carried on to a great extent in the central provinces. Rubies are mined in Upper Burma, and next to petroleum, form

War on State Sinecures.

A fight to abolish state jobs that are sinecures will be made at the legislative session by Representative Frank H. Reighard, of Fulton county, returned from the United States senate as chairman of the finance committee of the present house. "There are men on the state's payroll who do not do one hour's work in a week, and these men should either be dropped or placed on a pension list," said Mr. Reighard. "It would be better to get rid of them than to retain them, because they disorganize the service."

To Improve Dairy Herds.

The Board of Agriculture, through the dairy department of the Ohio State University will co-operate with the federal government in improving the dairy herds of Ohio. Groups of cattle breeders will be formed throughout the state who will agree to handle their herds according to rules laid down by experts. Such rules provide for the selection of the best animals for breeding purposes, and a well defined system of grading up the herd; for proper methods of feeding and caring for the animals, etc.

Complete Reformation.

Any smoker who wishes to quit the habit can do so by knocking the live ashes of his pipe into a keg of blasting powder.—Boston Transcript.

PETITION SENT OHIO ASSEMBLY

PROPOSES AMENDING OF COMPENSATION LAW BY LABOR FORCES.

OPPOSES WORKMEN'S STATUTE

Signatures of Prominent Men Attached to Paper, Which Is Proudly Escorted to Columbus.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Columbus.—Proudly escorted by a delegation of labor men, several large bundles of names on a monster petition will be presented to the Secretary of State. Arrangements for the presentation have been practically completed by the League for the Protection and Preservation of the Workmen's Compensation Law, which is the sponsor for the only initiated bill which will be presented to the General Assembly at its forthcoming session.

The filing of the petition at least 10 days in advance of the Assembly session, as provided by the constitution, will be the beginning of the last of a series of acts to bring to consummation a movement inaugurated three years ago. The joy and the pride of those in the movement are in the prospects of a success, which is in anticipation of achievement.

The petition to the General Assembly is to amend the famous Section 54 of the workmen's compensation act so that liability insurance companies may be prohibited from making insurance either to indemnify self-insured employers under the workmen's compensation law for the sums they pay to injured workmen or to protect employers under the so-called "open liability" of the law. The open liability feature arises when a workman is injured through the failure of employer to obtain the required insurance for the protection of the workman or from "willful act" which causes injury. If the bill passed for becomes the law of the state employers must either pay premiums into the state fund or they must assume the liability absolutely. The text of the bill is short and simple. It merely provides that contracts of the sort indicated shall be void. It is in effect the antithesis of the present section which has been held by the courts to be a violation of the state constitution.